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BLOOD.
IT'S WHAT GAVE ME LIFE.
IT'S WHAT MADE ME IMMORTAL.
IT'S WHAT KEEPS ME ALIVE.
I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT...

...THAT MY BLOOD WOULD ALSO BE THE DEATH OF ME.
IT'S WHAT FREYA WAS AFTER ALL ALONG.

AS IMMORTAL LIFE NOW SLOWLY SLIPS AWAY FROM ME...
...PAINFUL MEMORIES OF THE FIRST TIME I DIED...
...WHEN MY LIFE AS A HUMAN CAME TO ITS END...
...RETURN TO HAUNT ME.

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OYONE...?

WHAT ARE... YOU DOING...TO MY SISTER...?

NOOOOO!!

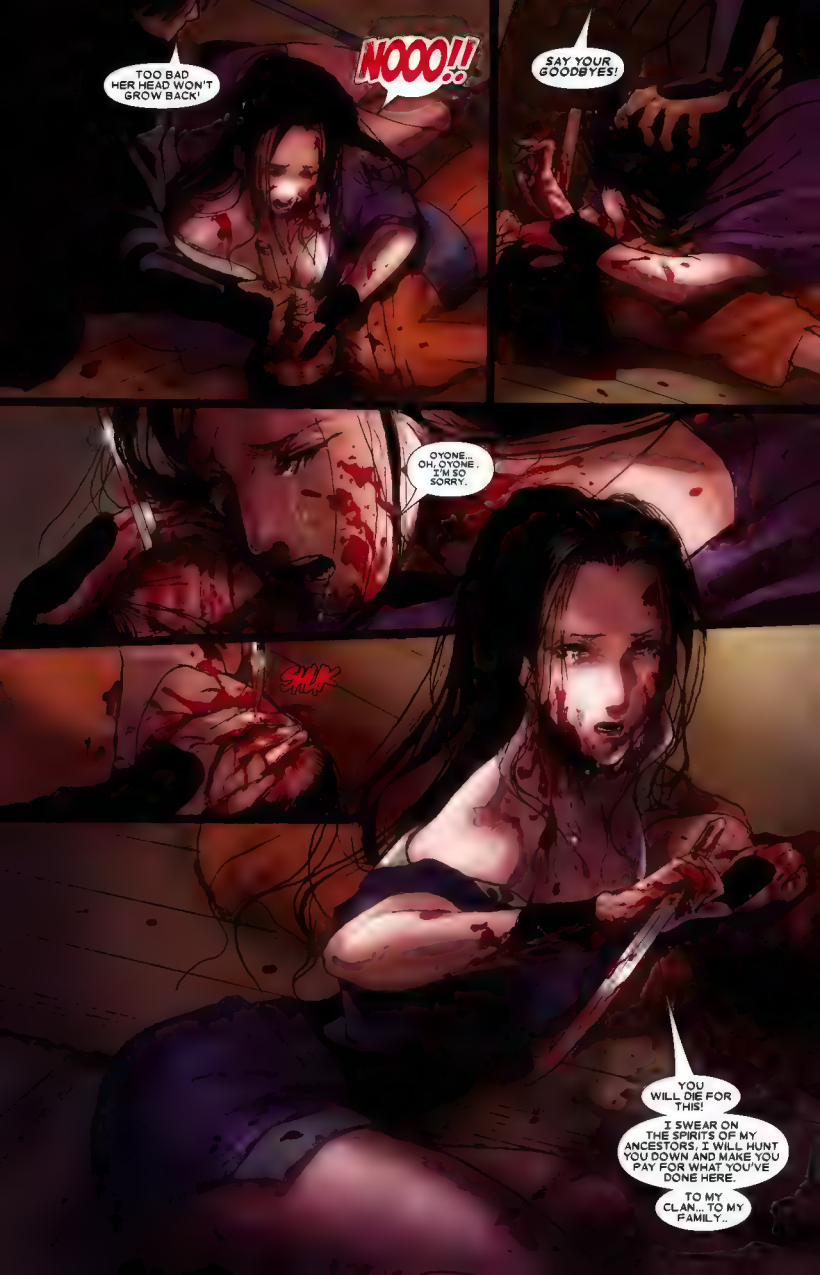
PLEASE... STOP!
WHY... ARE YOU... DOING THIS?
UUUNNNNFFF!

SHLUK
SPLURTCH

YEEEAARRGGHH!!
OYONE!
NO!!
YOU WANT TO DIE BY HER SIDE?
SO BE IT.
THWOK

SO THIS LITTLE ONE MEANS SOMETHING TO YOU?
CHINATSU... SISTER...
OYONE-CHAN...
BE STRONG, LITTLE ONE. I'M HERE...
EVERY-THING'S... GOING TO BE FINE...
SHE'S YOUR LITTLE SISTER? MUST HURT TO SEE HER IN PAIN LIKE THIS.
YOUR EMOTIONS ARE WHAT MAKE YOU HUMANS SO WEAK!
I HOPE YOU DIDN'T HAVE AN EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENT TO THAT EYE.
MUST HURT.
THIS? YEAH, YOU GOT ME THERE.
BUT IT'S ONLY A MINOR INCONVENIENCE. IT'LL GROW BACK IN TIME.

SHLIK
AN EYE FOR AN EYE, BITCH?
NO, THAT'S NOT PAINFUL ENOUGH. YOU NEED TO SUFFER MORE FOR WHAT YOU DID TO ME
SO LET'S TRY THIS.


TOO BAD HER HEAD WON'T GROW BACK!
NOOO!!
SAY YOUR GOODBYES!
OYONE... OH, OYONE, I'M SO SORRY.
SHUK
YOU WILL DIE FOR THIS!
I SWEAR ON THE SPIRITS OF MY ANCESTORS, I WILL HUNT YOU DOWN AND MAKE YOU PAY FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE HERE.
TO MY CLAN... TO MY FAMILY...

HMMMM.
I LIKE YOU.
I ADMIRE YOUR STRENGTH. NOT MANY HAVE RESISTED ME BEFORE
YOU'VE SEEN MY POWER AND YET YOU STILL HAVE THE NERVE TO DEFY ME.
TO THREATEN ME EVEN...
FOR THAT, I'M GOING TO LET YOU LIVE.
DO NOT MISTAKE MY ACTIONS FOR MERCY, HOWEVER.
THEY'RE ANYTHING BUT...
YOU WILL SERVE AS WARNING TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND ABOUT OUR KIND. YOU WILL BECOME A MONSTER THEY WILL SOON TELL TALES ABOUT.
YOUR LEGEND WILL SPREAD AND THEY WILL KNOW TO FEAR US, AS THEY WELL SHOULD
THEY WILL LEARN, JUST AS YOU WILL...
YOU MAY LIVE, BUT YOU WILL NO LONGER BE HUMAN. YOUR LIFE IS NOW CURSED.
YOU HAVE BEEN TURNED. YOU WILL SOON BECOME ONE OF US, A BLOOD GHOST.
A CREATURE OF THE NIGHT, FORCED TO LIVE BY FEEDING ON THE LIVES OF OTHERS
...THERE ARE SOME FATES WORSE THAN DEATH.

THERE ARE SOME FATES WORSE
THIS IS
THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES I'VE PRAYED FOR DEATH.
BUT AS THE MEMORIES OF MY PAST REMIND ME OF THIS AND SHOCK ME BACK INTO
I'M NOT READY TO DIE JUST YET!
SO I FIND MYSELF REACHING OUT...
TO TAKE MATTERS INTO MY OWN HANDS ONCE AGAIN...

...TO ENSURE HISTORY DOES NOT REPEAT ITSELF!
SHLICK

AAAHHHAAAHH!!
RRRIIPP

:HUNF:
:HUNF:
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO BE ANGRY OR IMPRESSED, CHINATSU..
YOU NEVER WERE ONE TO GIVE UP EASILY THOUGH...
SKUK
A KNIFE IN THE BACK, EH?
HA HA HA HA!
A RATHER SYMBOLIC GESTURE GIVEN OUR DISCUSSION THIS EVENING, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
INDEED. IF IT'S YOUR BETRAYAL WE'RE NOW TALKING ABOUT..

PARIS. 1813.
DON'T YOU JUST LOVE A MAN IN UNIFORM?!

I DON'T KNOW WHY WE'RE STILL HERE.
NAPOLEON HAS LOST HIS MIND AND IS GOING TO LOSE THIS WAR OF HIS.
WE SHOULD HAVE LEFT PARIS LONG AGO.
OH, COME NOW, DEAR CHINATSU, YOU KNOW "FOOD" IS ALWAYS MORE PLENTIFUL DURING WAR.
AND NO ONE THINKS TWICE ABOUT DEAD BODIES AT TIMES LIKE THESE.
WE FEED FOR SUSTENANCE, FREYA, NOT FOR PLEASURE.
NO ONE SHOULD EVER FEEL GUILTY ABOUT ENJOYING A GOOD MEAL.
YOU SEEM TO BE ENJOYING THIS FAR TOO MUCH FOR MY LIKING!
EVEN DRESSING US AS WHORES, AS IF YOU WANT TO DRAW ATTENTION TO YOURSELF.
WHAT BETTER WAY TO LURE IN OUR PREY?
WHY NOT GET THEM EXCITED AND GET THEIR BLOOD PUMPING?
THEY DRAIN SO MUCH EASIER THAT WAY!
I'M DISGUSTED BY WHAT YOU'VE BECOME, FREYA!
I SHOULD NEVER HAVE TURNED YOU.

DON'T YOU DARE TURN YOUR BACK ON ME!
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH.
THIS BLOODLUST IS AN ADDICTION!
AN ADDICTION YOU CURSED ME WITH!
YOU DID THIS TO ME! YOU MADE ME THIS WAY!!
BUT NOT WITHOUT WARNING! I TOLD YOU TO BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR!!
YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR PROBLEM IS, FREYA? YOU'RE SELF-INDULGENT. YOU LACK RESTRAINT OF ANY KIND.
THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T CONTROL YOURSELF. YOU'RE WEAK!
YOU THERE!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING? IT'S PAST CURFEW! EXPLAIN YOURSELVES!

YOU THINK I'M WEAK, DO YOU?
WELL, WATCH THIS
FREYA, DON'T--
PLEASE FORGIVE US, OFFICER. MY FRIEND AND I WERE ONLY LOOKING FOR WORK.
WE DESIRE NOTHING MORE THAN TO MAKE MONEY FOR FOOD TO FILL OUR BELLIES.
AND WE'D BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU WITH ANYTHING YOU MAY DESIRE, IF YOU'D SIMPLY LOOK THE OTHER WAY WHEN WE'RE FINISHED
I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN DO THAT, MADAME
THEN LET ME SEE IF I CAN'T HELP YOU
SNAP

WHHIISH
THWOK
KRAK
HUURRRKK!

BETTER THAN DYING ON THE BATTLE-FIELD, BOY.
SO WHAT WAS THAT YOU WERE SAYING ABOUT WEAKNESS?
ALL YOU'VE DONE IS PROVE MY POINT! YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO OUR KIND!
HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO STUPID?! HOW COULD I EVER HAVE LOVED YOU?!
I'VE BECOME WEAK AS WELL. ALL THESE TRAPPINGS OF "*MODERN SOCIETY*" HAVE DULLED MY SENSES
I'VE LOST SIGHT OF MY GOALS. I'VE FORGOTTEN WHO, AND *WHAT*, I TRULY AM
I'VE HAD ENOUGH! I NEED TO FIND MYSELF AGAIN. I'M THROUGH WITH THESE DISTRACTIONS!
AND I'M THROUGH WITH *YOU!*
WE MAY BOTH HAVE EVIL LURKING INSIDE US, BUT I WILL NEVER ALLOW MYSELF TO BECOME A MONSTER LIKE YOU.

GOODBYE, FREYA.
!URRK!

I WARNED YOU ABOUT TURNING YOUR BACK ON ME!
YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING, CHINATSU... YOU ARE WEAK! AND YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY?
YOU'VE NEVER FULLY EMBRACED WHAT WE TRULY ARE.
YOU'RE STILL FAR TOO HUMAN.
FWUMP
PTUI
YOU'RE THE DISGRACE TO OUR KIND!
SAVE YOUR GOODBYES FOR SOMEONE WHO CARES.
KA-CHAK

BOOM
NO.
AN EYE FOR AN EYE, BITCH!

HA HA HA HA HA HA
TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT ISSUE

The past continues to catch up with Chinatsu as more secrets of her life shortly after she was turned begin to come to light. Is there more to her guilt than simply being the sole survivor of her clan? As she gets closer to the truth about the evil that engulfed her family, will she also be able to accept the truths about what she's become?

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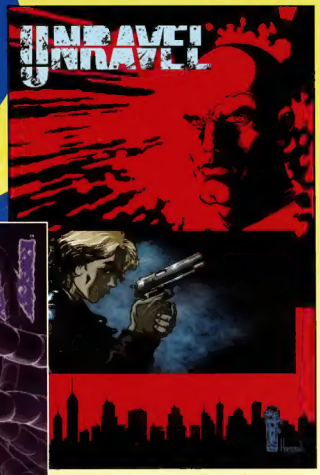

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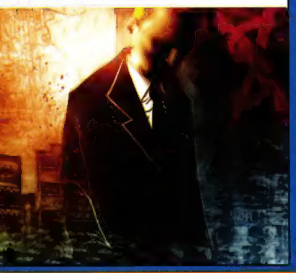

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GRAND LARSENY

It's hard to talk about Michael 'Doc' Allred without getting all worked up in some way. Here's a guy who's more talented than anybody has a right to be—who's created one of the most enduring icons of the 20th and 21st century—who's cinema-star handsome and who's married to one of the most wonderful women on the face of the planet! It's hard not to be envious of this multi-award winning talent. And now his creation "MADMAN" is gearing up for an appearance on the silver screen in a collaboration with filmmaker Robert Rodriguez?

Some guys have all the luck.

Mike grew up in the '60s and '70s and was raised on the best in pop culture, which included a steady diet of music, movies and comic books! He owes it all to the three B's: Beatles, Bond and Batman!

Given that, it shouldn't come to a surprise to anyone that Mike keeps a hand in movies and music, in addition to his comic book work. Mike's the lead singer and guitarist for "The Gears" and his earlier comic book work from "GRAFIK MUZIK" was turned into the cult hit movie "G-Men from Hell" directed by Christopher Coppola (featuring Robert Goulet as the Devil—how cool is THAT?).

Allred first tasted success in the funnybook field with his wildly popular "MADMAN" series. Frank Einstein first appeared in "CREATURES OF THE ID" and "GRAFIK MUZIK" almost simultaneously. Allred slapped him into superhero duds for the first three-issue series MADMAN and it took off from there.

Mike also crafted "RED ROCKET 7," his history of Rock and Roll told in the context of a sci-fi adventure story and the Madman spin-off series "THE ATOMICS." Mike dabbled with freelance work and garnered considerable mainstream cred when he teamed with writer Peter Milligan on the series X-FORCE, (later known as X-STATIX) at Marvel and an issue of DC Comics' SOLO. In addition, Mike spends time on his magnum opus, "THE GOLDEN PLATES," where he's illustrating the entire Book of Mormon.

Mike's a busy guy.

A few years back, I had the distinct pleasure of collaborating with Mike on a "SAVAGE DRAGON"/"ATOMICS" crossover and I found him to be one of the most courteous and amiable creators on the planet. Here was a guy that had every right to be an egotistical blowhard and every right to insist that I toe the line when it came to using his characters, and he was amazingly humble and easygoing. He was a joy to work with, and the comics that resulted from our alliance were a hoot and a half.

When Mike contacted us about bringing Madman over to Image, I couldn't have been more enthusiastic. Fans have been waiting patiently for the return of Madman. Having it occur at Image Comics only helps solidify it as the home of the world's greatest creator-owned comics!

"MADMAN ATOMIC COMICS" is on its way! If you haven't experienced the work of Mike Allred and his wonderful creation—you're in for a treat. If this is a return visit for you to Snap City—you know what I mean! Prepare to be dazzled!

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